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1. MIDDLE EAST OUTLOOK IN SECURITY COUNCIL GLOOMY

USUN BELIEVES THAT THE US HAS BECOME MORE ISOLATED THAN EVER ON MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND ISRAEL SIMILARLY SO IN THE UN. OUR MISSION SEES A TREND AWAY FROM FULL SUPPORT FROM THE UK, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA AND PANAMA. WHATEVER SUCCESS WAS OBTAINED IN RECENT DEBATE WAS LARGELY THE RESULT OF GOOD COORDINATION AND FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS. WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST WILL SOON BE ADDRESSED VIGOROUSLY, THE US WILL BE INCREASINGLY DEPENDENT IN THE FUTURE ON THE USE OF THE VETO, OR THREAT OF ITS USE. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 1573, 4/27.

2. INFILTRATION OF TERRORISTS FROM SYRIA MAY PROVOKE ISRAELI RETALIATION

AN ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE APRIL 26 OF FIVE TERRORISTS WHO HAD INFILTRATED FROM
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SYRIAN TERRITORY. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO STATED THAT THE

SYRIANS HAD ADMITTED, UNDER INTERROGATION, THAT THEY HAD
CROSSED THE BORDER WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE
SYRIAN ARMY. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE IN TEL AVIV

COMMENTS THAT THE LATTER PART OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS A
CLEAR SIGNAL TO THE SYRIANS THAT CONTINUANCE OF FEDAYEEN
CROSS BORDER ACTIVITY WILL TRIGGER RETALIATION, IF RETAL-
IATION IS NOT ALREADY BEING PLANNED. (CONFIDENTIAL)
USDAO TEL AVIV 0746 Z, 4/27.

3. MILITARY SITUATION IN CAMBODIA

IN CAMBODIA, ENEMY ELEMENTS RENEWED ATTACKS ON TAKEO
RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF A POSITION NORTHWEST OF THE
CITY. THE VILLAGE OF SRANG, 25 MILES SOUTHWEST OF PHNOM
PENH, HAS BEEN ISOLATED. ENEMY FORCES OVERRAN A POSITION
10 MILES NORTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH. FANK FORCES LANDED ON
THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG RIVER, HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT
YET CONTROL A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE AREA. TWO
ENEMY ROCKETS LANDED ON THE PHNOM PENH AIRPORT, BUT THERE
WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED. (SECRET) NMCC
OPSUM, 4/27, CAMBODIAN DAMSREP, 4/27.

5. CANADA AND AID FOR VIETNAM

WHILE EMBASSY OTTAWA IS CONVINCED THAT CANADA WILL CON-
TRIBUTE IN SOME WAY TO POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION IN VIET-
NAM, IT HAS RESERVATIONS REGARDING A US APPROACH TO
CANADA AT THIS TIME. BECAUSE OF THE RECENT LEVEL OF
HOSTILITIES IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CANADA WOULD AGREE THAT
SECURITY IS ADEQUATE FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND ECONOMIC
PLANNING. IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT US
PRESSURE MIGHT BE INSTRUMENTAL IN A CANADIAN DECISION
TO SUBSTITUTE SOME CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP FOR CONTINUED
ICCS PARTICIPATION. (SECRET) OTTAWA 1005, 4/26.

6. MIRAGE CONTROVERSY: THE VIEW FROM PARIS

EMBASSY PARIS AGREES WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT ANY
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APPROACH TO THE FRENCH SHOULD BE ON THE ISSUE OF MAIN-
TAINING THE MIDDLE EAST ARMS BALANCE. IT WOULD NOT BE
USEFUL TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FRENCH
HAVE MISLED US OR TO SEEM TO BE MAKING A CONCERTED
APPROACH WITH THE ISRAELIS. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO GET THE
FRENCH TO STICK TO THEIR ANNOUNCED POLICY OF SUSPENDING
DELIVERIES IN THE EVENT A FORMAL TRANSFER HAS TAKEN
PLACE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE FRENCH MAY
EVENTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLICLY THAT SOME MIRAGES FLEW

TO EGYPT, BUT MAY CONTINUE TO DENY THAT "TRANSFER" HAS TAKEN PLACE, UNLESS EVIDENCE COMES TO LIGHT THAT THE PLANES ARE IN EFFECT PERMANENTLY BASED IN EGYPT. FINALLY, THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT THIS AFFAIR HAS WIDE RAMIFICATIONS FOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY, AS

MIRAGE SALES AND MAINTENANCE OF DASSAULT PRODUCTIVE FACILITIES ARE IMPORTANT FRENCH STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS. (SECRET) STATE 079500, 4/26.

7. BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY ENDORSES KISSINGER SPEECH

EMBASSY LONDON HAS TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON THE ADVANCED TEXT OF A SPEECH THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR ALEX DOUGLAS- HOME WAS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER APRIL 27 AT DUNBLANE, SCOTLAND, IN WHICH HE STRONGLY ENDORSES KISSINGER'S APRIL 3 SPEECH. DOUGLAS- HOME AGREES THAT THERE MUST BE CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE US AND THAT THE HORIZONS OF THIS COOPERATION MUST BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE JAPAN AND CANADA. BRITAIN, HE SAYS, CAN GIVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE SPIRIT OF KISSINGER'S APPROACH, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE TIME FOR THE NEW EC TO WORK OUT COMMON POSITIONS BEFORE TAKING UP THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATION. DOUGLAS- HOME NOTES THAT, WHILE BUILDING UP THE IDENTITY OF EUROPE, THE COOPERATION OF THE US, CANADA AND JAPAN MUST BE SOUGHT " IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, IN NEW PROBLEMS SUCH AS ENERGY SUPPLIES, AND AS APPROPRIATE IN DEFENSE." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LONDON 4914, 4/27.

8. NAC AGREES ON GUIDANCE TO MBFR DELEGATIONS

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THE NAC AGREED APRIL 27 ON A FINAL TEXT CONTAINING GUIDANCE TO THE MBFR DELEGATIONS IN VIENNA ACCEPTING THE SOVIET PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION PACKAGE. THE FULL TEXT OF THE GUIDANCE IS CONTAINED IN USNATO 2087 WHICH WAS SENT TO GENEVA AND WHICH WE ASSUME IS AVAILABLE TO YOU. (SECRET) NATO 2087, 4/27.

9. SULLIVAN, THACH MEET IN PARIS

AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN AND DRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER THACH MET IN PARIS APRIL 27 TO BEGIN WORK ON THEIR REVIEW OF THE PARIS CEASE- FIRE AGREEMENT. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29. (UNCLASSIFIED) ROGERS

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